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Some of the hams of NEWSLINE RADIO...

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KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB5KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU DJ0QN and

many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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#### COOK SAYS NO TO FCC POST

President Clinton's first choice to head up the FCC has told the administration that she is no longer interested in becoming the agency's chairman. Antoinette Cook was tapped back in April to head the regulatory agency. She withdrew her name from consideration on May 27th, after giving birth to her first child. Cook's decision to withdraw herself from consideration for the high post has caused a great deal of speculation among Washington insiders. This, as to why one of the Clinton administration's best qualified and best-connected candidates would take herself out of the running.

She says that service on the FCC would have been a great challenge and an honor, but that her life at this time is filled with other challenges and honors, including the recent birth of her son.

Cook adds that she will continue to act as Senior Counsel to the Senate Commerce Communications Subcommittee, where she was instrumental in shaping the new cable TV re-regulation law. If she had been nominated and appointed, Antionette Cook would have been the first black and the first woman to head the FCC. Since the resignations of Alfred Sikes and Sherrie Marshall, the FCC has been operating with three members. Commissioner James Quello is its acting Chairman.

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#### INTELSAT LICENSING

The FCC says that it is seeking comments on a proposal to eliminate the licensing requirement for certain international receive only earth stations used in the fixed satellite service. Although the agency has already abandoned the licensing requirement for domestic receive only satellite earth stations in favor of a voluntary program, in years past the agency has been reluctant to give similar treatment to international receive only stations. This, due to concerns about United States obligations to Intelsat and Inmarsat.

But with world politics ever changing, and in view of ongoing changes in the international satellite arena, the FCC now believes there is no longer any basis for these concerns. It also believes that deregulating international receive-only earth stations will help to further the Commission's policies while also increasing service options and simultaneously reducing

customer costs.

The only earth stations excluded from this proposal are those operating as satellite terminal stations, those which are operationally connected to a domestic common carrier and those used to exchange a carriers common traffic with the Intelsat satellite system.

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#### UK NOVICES ON OSCAR

The United Kingdom's Radio Communications Agency has confirmed a widely posted rumor that says British Novice Class operators have been given satellite operating privileges. The story first surfaced on packet back in February and was attributed to a national society news bulletin. It said that the 70 cm frequency allocation for UK Novice licensees had been expanded to include 432.0 to 440.0 MHz. This would give British Novices satellite access for the first time. But, until now there was no official verification forthcoming. As it turns out, the story is true and several British Novice stations are already active on the ham radio birds.

But there are a couple of restrictions placed on their operations. The United Kingdom limits Novice power to 3 Watts out, and this is already posing a challenge. But it is one that can be overcome. With 3W output, into an antenna with 17 or more decibels of gain, some British Novices are reportedly putting healthy signals into AO-13 when conditions are good.

Also, there are many hams on the satellites who don't believe that they are actually licensed UK Novices operators. Unlike their high grade G prefix fellow hams, Novices in Great Britain sport callsigns very reminiscent of the early days of Class D 11 meter CB radio in the United States. Their calls start with the number 2 followed by a letter which is followed by a Zero or the number 1 as the prefix. This is followed by a three-letter suffixes. The letter in the prefix indicates where in the United Kingdom a station is located. For example, 2E0AAA would be a Novice in England, while 2D1AAB would be located on the Isle of Man. A Zero in the call sign indicates that the holder has passed a code test and enjoys limited HF privileges. A number one is an indicator of no-code ham.

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#### RUSSIAN FEES

Still from the international desk comes word that Russian licensing authorities are imposing licensing fees on visiting western hams. A temporary operating permit that is good for up to thirty days is priced at thirty-five dollars. The Russians

also plan on collecting up to one hundred and thirty-five dollars for their two year visitors license. Word is that these prices are subject to change without prior notice.

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#### EF JOHNSON REMEMBERED

An industry legend is about to be commemorated by some of those it served. The Viking Amateur Radio Society of Waseca, Minnesota, will celebrate the 70th anniversary of its parent company, the E.F. Johnson Co. The group plans to operate from one of the company's original buildings in Waseca on June 18th through the 20th and again during ARRL Field Day which is June 25th to the 27th.

The club has asked for special permission to use the call sign 9ALD, the original call of the company's founder Edgar F. Johnson who died in 1991. If that permission is not forthcoming from the FCC the club will use its own call sign, WA0CJU.

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#### SCOUT HELP

The organizers of the 1993 National Boy Scout Jamboree are soliciting assistance of radio amateurs to help staff the Radio Merit Badge tent at this years outing. The event is scheduled for August 2nd to the 9th in Fredricksburg Virginia. Hams interested in participating are requested to contact Ray Moyer, WD8JKV, at area code (214) 580-2595.

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#### GRUBB

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association says that it wants Dave Grubb, KC8CF to head up its 1994 Hamvention. Word out of Dayton is that the club was very pleased with the way in which Grubb managed Hamvention '93. The show pulled a record crowd. Exhibitors were elated with their record sales and compliments have been coming in ever since.

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#### UKRAINIAN CONVENTION

The first ever Ukrainian International Hamfest takes place August 21st and 22nd in Kharkov. Features include a seminar session sponsored by the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League, a DX-pedition report, awards, contests, slide shows and a great cultural program. Open forums will give everyone an opportunity to better know the UB5 hams. For further information please

write to Igor L. Zeldin, UB5LCV, P.O. Box 4808, 310103 Kharkov, The Ukraine. Or you can inquire by packet radio to UB5LCV at the UB5LMJ BBS.

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#### BBC

GM2RW reports that the BBC's Radio 1 service can now be received on the European Astra 1 B Satellite. It is transmitted in on the audio-subcarriers of the UK Gold transponder. The frequency is 11.553 MHz with subcarriers at 7.38 and 7.92 Mhz. BBC Radio is the national radio program of the British Broadcasting Corporation and is transmitted in stereo on in Great Britain.

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#### RUDAK SPEAKS PEACE

Peter Guezlow, DB20S reports that the RUDAK 2 transponder on board Oscar 21 is now transmitting Junior's De Castro's Peace Message in the Russian language. This, in a female voice and in addition to the english voice. The FM mode repeater and 1200 Baud AFSK AX.25 Telemetry are also still in the schedule. Peter adds that a french voice will be uploaded to RUDAK 2 next month.

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#### NEW AMSAT BBS

AMSAT-North America has established a new dial-in BBS which will carry all Amsat bulletins, Keplerian elements, Space News and other items associated with the amateur space program. The Sysop for the new BBS is Mel Roman KA2UPD. It is presently on-line from noon-to-midnight weekdays Eastern Daylight Time and from 9:00 AM to midnight weekends. Mel says that he plans to become operational 24 hours a day very soon. Phone number is area code (201) 261-2780 and it accepts the usual 8-N-1 up to 2400 Baud. Other boards which presently carry AMSAT information are expected to continue to do so.

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#### HAM RADIO HORIZONS

How many of you remember the name Ham Radio Horizons? In the 1970's it was the name of a popular amateur radio entry level magazine. Now that name has been resurrected as the title of the latest Amateur Radio entry level video from Emmy Award winning Producer Rich Moseson NW2L of CQ Productions. Unlike the rest of the CQ video series, Ham Radio Horizons is

not a 'how to operate' program. Rather it is a 50 minute overview of every aspect of the hobby service prepared for the non-ham who may never even heard of Amateur Radio. Included is an explanation of exactly who we hams are, what we do with our radios, the role played by educators, youngsters and retirees, and much more. Moseson even goes so far as to show you the way that the FCC processes a license at its Gettysburg, Pennsylvania facility. In short, Ham Radio Horizons picks up where promotional video's such as the ARRL's New World of Amateur Radio leaves off. This, by providing the viewer and prospective ham with a concise explanation of almost every aspect of Amateur Radio on both a technical and humanistic level. For more information on Ham Radio Horizons the video and its companion book please write to CQ Video Productions, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

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